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NPIC/PEG (1/83)Copy 30**DEACTIVATION OF SS-5 SILOS**
NIGRANDE IRBM LAUNCH SITE 2, USSR

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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** DEACTIVATION OF THE THREE SS-5 SILOS IS IN PROGRESS. (SWN)
2. **REMARKS:** PAVING BLOCKS ARE BEING REMOVED FROM THE LAUNCH SITE APRON AND THE LAUNCH SITE ACCESS ROAD. THE LAUNCH SITE SECURITY GATE IS OPEN AND THE SECURITY FENCES MAY HAVE BEEN REMOVED. TWO PROBABLE BARRACKS HAVE BEEN RAZED AND OTHER SUPPORT BUILDINGS APPEAR TO BE UNDERGOING DISMANTLEMENT IN THE LAUNCH SITE SUPPORT AREA. ACTIVITY OBSERVED AT NIGRANDE IRBM LAUNCH SITE 2 DURING 1982 AND EARLY 1983, INCLUDING THE REMOVAL OF THE SS-5 MISSILE GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT, INDICATED THAT THE SILOS WERE UNLOADED. (SWN)

THE SOVIET UNION HAS DECLARED THAT THEIR SS-5 IRBM FORCE IS BEING PHASED OUT. DEACTIVATION OF NIGRANDE LAUNCH SITE 2 WILL LEAVE ONLY FOUR SS-5 LAUNCH SITES OPERATIONAL FROM AN ORIGINAL TOTAL FORCE OF 30 LAUNCH SITES. RECENT ACTIVITY AT THESE FOUR REMAINING SS-5 LAUNCH SITES, TWO ADDITIONAL SITES AT NIGRANDE SSM COMPLEX [REDACTED] AND TWO SITES AT TAYBOLA SSM COMPLEX [REDACTED] INDICATES THAT PRELIMINARY STEPS LEADING TO THE DEACTIVATION OF THESE SITES IS IN PROGRESS. (SWN)

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3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 56-35-21N 021-49-20E

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